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SUBJECT: FRENCH EXPENSES FOR DJIBOUTI

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER WISHES TO CONVEY TO SECRETARY CORRECTED FIGURE FOR TOTAL COST OF FRENCH PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI (FRENCH TERRITORY OF AFARS AND ISSAS). NEW FIGURE IS ON THE ORDER OF 800 MILLION FRANCS (\$160 MILLION) A YEAR.

2. REFERRING TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD'S DISCUSSION AT BRUSSELS WITH THE SECRETARY CONCERNING DJIBOUTI, ONE OF DE GUIRINGAUD'S PERSONAL STAFF TELEPHONED DCM TO SAY THAT SECRETARY HAD QUESTIONED SIZE OF FIGURE GIVEN HIM THERE FOR ANNUAL COST OF MAINTAINING FRENCH PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI. HE SAID THAT DE GUIRINGAUD HAD RECHECKED FOREIGN AND OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED TO OBTAIN REVISED, ALL INCLUSIVE SUM OF APPROXIMATELY 800 MILLION FRANCS. OFFICIAL INDICATED THIS FIGURE COVERED FRENCH CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES SALARIES, PUBLIC WORKS, AND COST OF THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT.  
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